

**Amendment No. 9 to HB0118**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 142**

**House Bill No. 118\***

by adding the following new section immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

39-17-1365.

(a) A person commits verbal assault who engages in a verbal altercation intending to cause emotional distress or intimidation on private or public property, in the course of which the person references, in a threatening way, a firearm stored in the person's motor vehicle or in another individual's motor vehicle, in or near the parking area of such property.

(b)

(1) A violation of this section when the referenced firearm is not found within the vehicle shall be a Class E felony.

(2) A violation of this section when a referenced firearm is found within the vehicle shall be a Class D felony.

(c) As used in this section, "near the parking area" means within one quarter (1/4) mile of the parking area.